



Community Compost Steward

Volunteer Position Description

The Spence Neighbourhood Association works with the people of Spence to revitalize and renew their community in the areas of Holistic Housing, Community Connecting, Community Economic Development, Environment and Open Spaces, and Youth & Families.

Purpose: The Spence Neighbourhood Association is seeking enthusiastic, passionate, and reliable volunteers to maintain the compost bins located in community gardens throughout the neighbourhood.

Location: Community gardens throughout Spence Neighbourhood, and the Spence Neighbourhood Association office at 615 Ellice Ave

Time Commitment: : Approximately 2 shifts per month, 1-3 hours per shift. Flexible hours.

Duties & Responsibilities:

- Monitor the condition of community compost bins year round and report on their status to the Environment and Open Spaces Coordinator.
- Manually turn the compost every six weeks from April-October.
- Collect leaves and other carbon-rich materials for storage at the community gardens.
- Assist with public outreach, composting workshops and demonstrations.
- Install educational signage and instructions at the community gardens.
- Make minor repairs to compost bins, as necessary.
- Other duties as assigned.

Skills & Qualifications:

- Must have prior experience with, and knowledge of backyard composting.
- Able to detect and identify problems in compost bins and troubleshoot with limited resources.
- Physically capable to lift, bend and shovel piles of compost and transport equipment between garden sites.
- Able to work alone or with other volunteers with limited supervision.
- Basic carpentry skills and competency with power tools are assets.
- 18+ years.

Benefits:

- Opportunity to work outside and a great way to exercise
- Satisfaction from providing a needed service to the community, including reducing greenhouse gas emissions, recycling waste, and supplying community gardens with a nutrient-rich, moisture holding soil amendment.
- Learn and apply new composting techniques.
- Share your knowledge of composting with others.
- Meet new people who are passionate about gardening and environmental issues